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KITP 2010 focuses on objectives

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CAMP MUJUK, Republic of Korea — Marines and sailors from Combat Logistics Regiment 3 and Combat Logistics Battalion 4, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and augments from across the 3rd MLG, arrived here last week to begin training with the Republic of Korea Marine Corps Amphibious Support Group during the Korean Interoperability Training Program 2010.

The purpose of KITP is to further develop the partnership between the U.S. Marine Corps and ROK Marine Corps in order to enhance our ability to respond to contingencies within the Pacific Theater.

"The planning for KITP '10 began in May," said Capt. Amanda Martin, KITP '10 lead planner and company commander, Motor Transport Company, CLB-4. "We received an introduction to available training sites and opportunities."

"After meeting with Col. Gin-Ho Kim, commanding officer of the Amphibious Support Group, ROK Marine Corps, we built our (unit's) training around bulk liquids, beach operations, transportation and maintenance, the four objectives he set for our joint operations," she added.

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A Marine with Company C, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, provides security for an incoming CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter during a helicopter retrieval scenario at the Northern Training Area Aug. 26. Photo by Lance Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin

Recon takes on jungle terrain

Lance Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin

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NORTHERN TRAINING AREA, Okinawa — Marines from Company C, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, conducted independent operations and training exercises at the Northern Training Area to hone their skills in one of the toughest terrains Aug. 16-26.

"The training we did out here was the capstone of our ground reconnaissance patrol package for this year," said 2nd Lt. George M. Lamb, the commander for 3rd Platoon, Company C. "Throughout the spring and summer we have conducted similar operations to this one in the Central Training Area."

According to Lamb, the idea was to put together all the lessons learned during previous patrols while training in what he believes is one of the harshest environments and toughest terrains to conduct training in the Marine Corps.

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First term Marines find staying in Corps competitive

Cpl. Shelby R. Shields

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MARINE CORPS BASES JAPAN — Many first term Marines are finding out the hard way how difficult it can now be to reenlist.

"The biggest problem among many first term Marines is making a decision and then acting upon it in a timely manner," said Sgt. Thomas R. Regan, a career planner with Headquarters and Services Battalion, Marine Corps Bases Japan.

First term Marines with a Fiscal Year 2011 end of active service date have been able to submit for reenlistment since July 1 of this year. The annual cut-off for reenlistment submissions is Sept. 30 or once Military Occupational Specialty boat spaces close, whichever comes first, according to Regan.

Out of 117 MOS's 30 are already closed out, no longer accepting reenlistment packages, with 20 more following in close suit.

"Historically 50 MOS's have been identified as fast filling MOS's (FFM) and are only afforded the opportunity to submit for reenlistment from

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LEADERS IN COCKPIT

Pilots train to maintain focus during any situation to get crew and helicopter to destination safely, and become aircraft commanders.

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CALL IN PROS

Special Reaction Team takes mock bank robber by surprise, apprehending the criminal, saving the day.

PG. 10

RESPECT

Every Marine deserves warrior greeting

Lance Cpl. Abigail M. Wharton

From the time we step on the yellow footprints, Marines are indoctrinated in the traditions and history that began at Tun Tavern in 1775.

Along with the indoctrination comes pride and respect for those who stood on the

yellow footprints before they were painted.

What about now? Why do some not show the same pride and respect today?

I see it on a daily basis. Marines walk past each other while pretending something on the ground or in front of them is

riveting, as if extending a greeting to the other Marine would somehow humiliate them.

We need to renew the pride that made the Marines a brotherhood and show respect for each other and greet each other as brothers and sisters who share a common legacy.

The Marine Corps is made up of men and women from all cultures, creeds and diverse backgrounds, but all of us share a common bond.

Every enlisted Marine earned the title and

heard ourselves being called Marines for the first time by our drill instructors. I'm going to bet that was one of the most rewarding days in most of our lives.

We share the same history as Sgt. Maj. Dan Daly, Pvt. Opha Mae Johnson and Gunnery Sgt. John Basilone. If those Marines were around today, I have no doubt Marines would

pay their respects — in fact, most Marines would probably do more than just give these inspirational leathernecks a verbal greeting.

Why then do we hesitate to give our present and future legacy holders the same respect?

The way we conduct ourselves daily

reflects on the men and woman who wore this uniform before us, those over us and ourselves. This includes practicing traditions, using common courtesies and respecting others regardless of rank.

It's in simple things like giving and returning the proper greeting of the day. So, next time you see a fellow leatherneck, pay them some respect — they've earned it!

Wharton is a combat correspondent with the Okinawa Marine.

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This Week in History

U.S. MARINE CORPS HISTORY DIVISION

September 3, 1942 - The command echelon of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing arrived at Guadalcanal.

September 4, 2007 - Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 773 deployed to Iraq's Al Anbar province in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

September 5, 1951 - 1st Marine Division gains initial objectives in Punchbowl area of Korea, and makes plans for new ridgeline to become part of Line Minnesota, EU-SAK defensive line. Heavy attacks rained down by IX Corps at Heartbreak and Bloody Ridge.

September 6, 1983 - Two Marines were killed and two were wounded when rockets hit their compound in Beirut, Lebanon. Heavy fighting continued for the 24th Marine Amphibious Unit peacekeeping force in the area near their positions around the Beirut International Airport.

September 7, 1944 - 1st Provisional Marine Brigade re-designated 6th Marine Division on Guadalcanal.

September 8, 1942 - On Guadalcanal, the 1st Raider Battalion and the 1st Parachute Battalion, supported by planes of Marine Aircraft Group 23 and two destroyer transports, landed east of Tasimboko, advanced west into the rear of Japanese positions, and carried out a successful raid on a Japanese supply base.

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1st MAW succeeds with new Tactical Air Control Center

1st Lt. Ariana Farber

1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING ADJUTANT

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA — Over 500 Marines and Sailors worked 24 hours a day simulating a full scale war in the Tactical Air Control Center located at MCAS Futenma as part “B” of exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian from 23 to 26 August.

UFG is the world’s largest computerized command and control implementation that focuses on defending the Republic of Korea from a North Korean attack. In this portion of the exercise, the Wing Battle Staff operated the III Marine Expeditionary Force Aviation Combat Element, simulating a combined environment in Pohang, Republic of Korea and conducting mock scenarios in defense of the Korean peninsula.

The TACC is a massive complex made up of 5,615 square feet of tents centered on a tactical operations center that branches out into four wings: the Air Combat Intelligence Wing, the Systems Wing, the Current Operations Wing, and the Future Operations Wing. The TACC housed 22 operator positions, numerous projectors, plasma displays, two video teleconference



A Tactical Air Command Center is used in support of exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian 2010, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Aug. 25. UFG is a joint computer simulation driven exercise conducted annually to demonstrate the Republic of Korea-U.S. interoperability, capabilities, and U.S. commitment to defend Korea. Photo by Sgt. Christine M. Wilcox, combat camera

suites, three separate computer networks connectivity, and a multitude of data equipment. With this state of the art communication and data networking, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MEF was able to effectively command and control air power throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

The set up of the facility was the primary responsibility of Marine Tactical Air Control Squadron 18, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st MAW, III MEF, and 99 percent of unit personnel were directly involved in the conduct of the exercise.

“My mission is to pro-

vide facilities and backbone systems for the battle staff to command and control the Wing and to provide trained command and control experts for the current ops crew,” said Lt. Col. Leonard Troxel, commanding officer of MTACS-18.

“No one entity can put this thing together. There is a unique relationship between the Wing Headquarters, (Marine Wing Support Group 17), (Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1), and us. We have to work together to make this enormous effort work,” said Troxel in acknowledgement of the contributions and

support of other units.

The Capability Set Version 2 tent and equipment is new to this year’s exercise and is one-of-a-kind.

Col. Dennis Crall, commanding officer of MACG-18 affirmed that CAPSET V2 gear proved more than capable. “This operational facility offers increased capability, mobility, and unprecedented integration.”

Col. John Jansen, assistant chief of staff G-3 and officer-in-charge of operations for the TACC, says 1st MAW has the unique opportunity to practice its tactics, techniques, and procedures in exercises.

“We utilize a crawl, walk, run methodology and take an entirely new battle staff and TACC crew and train them to operate as war fighters in a joint combined environment,” said Jansen,

UFG is important to the 1st MAW training schedule because it gives the wing the opportunity to enact amphibious landing scenarios. This comes at a time when the role of the Marine Corps as an amphibious fighting force is at the forefront of strategic and force-shaping discussions within the Corps and the Department of Defense.

Summer is over, safety remains priority year round

Lance Cpl. Matthew A. Denny

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MARINE CORPS BASES JAPAN — The 101 critical days of summer campaign is coming to an end, but according to Marine Corps Base leadership, base personnel should remain vigilant when it comes to safety.

The critical days of summer campaign kicked off this year with safety briefs and an awareness campaign designed to educate personnel on ways to remain safe. The purpose of these briefs were to be proactive and help prevent mishaps before they occur, said Forrest Williams, a safety and occupational health specialist with Installation Safety, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler.

Overall, the past summer months were successful in having no fatalities or severe injuries, according to Dale E. Avery, the occupational safety and health supervisor for Marine Corps Bases Japan.

“We feel like we got a lot of information out to the public this past summer,” he said. “The more safety information that is distributed to the public helps reduce the amount of safety-related incidents. Our goal here at the safety office is to

inform as many individuals as possible about the hazards of summer on Okinawa,” added Avery.

Safety within the units is not only a personal task but leaders can re-enforce safety with something as simple as ensuring hydration.

If service members keep safety in the forefront of their minds, and practice safety in the workplace, it could make the difference of saving a life or not, Avery added.

While the campaign comes to a close, safety personnel advise individuals to continue to pay close attention to their surroundings and potentially unsafe situations.

Lt. Gen. Terry G. Robling, III Marine Expeditionary Force commanding general, recently released a Labor Day message reminding Marines and sailors that even though summer is over, it is still important to think and act safe all year long.

“It is my intent that throughout the holiday period, we account for every one of our Marines and sailors ensuring their safety and welfare,” said Robling. “NCO leadership, supervision and safety briefs are the cornerstone of safely completing the mission. One Marine or sailor lost is one too many! Let us not forget our brothers

and sisters serving overseas in harm’s way during this holiday period. Continue being ambassadors of our great Marine Corps, be safe and protect those around you.”

With the holiday season fast approaching, it is important for people to be safe during the long weekends and ensure if you are drinking, you do it at a moderate level, added Avery.

The biggest cause of safety incidents during this time of year is alcohol abuse, said Avery. Those who drink alcohol should hydrate before, during and after consuming alcohol. For unaccompanied Marines, rather than going out and drinking or sitting in a barracks room, the Single Marine Program offers multiple tours, activities, events and volunteer opportunities to keep Marines occupied and have fun while seeing the island, he added.

The next biggest concern is safety within the workplace. During the holidays Marines have a tendency to get in the holiday attitude, focus on off-duty activities and tend to become relaxed on duty and it affects the mission, said Avery.

For more information about proper safety procedures contact the MCBJ safety office at 645-2087 or visit www.safetycenter.navy.mil.

BRIEFS**THE GREEN LINE HOLIDAY HOURS**

The Green Line will run on holiday hours over the Labor Day weekend as follows:

- Sept. 3 - 5 a.m. - midnight
- Sept. 4 - 10 a.m. - midnight
- Sept. 5 - 10 a.m. - midnight

POST OFFICE HOLIDAY WEEKEND HOURS

The military post offices will observe Labor Day weekend with hours below:

- Sept. 6 - Closed
- Sept. 7 - Finance services close at 3 p.m., parcel pick up closes at 3:30 p.m.
- Sept. 8 - Resume normal hours

PMO CLOSED SEPT. 7

Camp Kinser PMO, Joint Service Vehicle Impound Lot Camp Foster, Pass Officer, Joint Service Vehicle Registration Office, Japanese Police Liaison, Administration Office, Customs Office, Supply, Training, Physical Security and Animal Control will be secured from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day and will re-open at 7:30 a.m. Sept. 8 for normal business.

For more information, call 645-3965.

FOSTER POWER OUTAGES

Camp Foster will have all day power outages affecting Plaza Housing, the northern end of Kishaba Housing, Sada Housing, North Foster Towers, operational/support areas west of the "Spot," Fort Buckner and Futenma Housing as follows:

- Sept. 11 from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

For more information, call Camp Foster and Lester Camp Services at 645-7313.

FOSTER WATER OUTAGES

Camp Foster will have a water outage affecting Marine Wing Support Group 17 Headquarters, Bachelor Enlisted Quarters and the Base Armory Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For more information, call Camp Foster and Lester Camp Services at 645-7313.

TYPHOON CONDITION INFORMATION

Personnel can monitor the TCCOR readiness procedures and conditions by calling 634-4081, logging onto <http://weather.kadenaforcesupport.com>, or viewing the AMC flight information television channel.

During typhoon conditions, tune into America Forces Network Okinawa for up-to-date information.

LINKS FOR SPOUSES

Marine Corps Family Team Building is hosting a L.I.N.K.S. workshop Sept. 9 from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Spouses can learn about island fun, available services, enduring deployments, moving tips, the Marine Corps and more from experienced spouses.

Child care is provided on a space available basis. Call Marine Corps Family Team Building at 645-3689.

TO SUBMIT A BRIEF, send an e-mail to okinawamarine.mccb.fct@usmc.mil, or fax your request to 645-3803. The deadline for submitting a brief is noon Friday. Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit all submitted material.

Claims process for typhoon damage

Judy Barney

MCB CLAIMS OFFICE

CAMP FOSTER — As Okinawa is currently in the midst of Typhoon Season and in the light of the first typhoon, the Marine Corps Base Claims Office wants to make post typhoon claims as easy as possible. To reduce potential damage to personal property in future storms, please follow these recommendations and requirements to properly secure outside items.

Everyone is ultimately responsible for the safety and security of their personal property. There are some preventive measures that can be taken to avoid damage or loss during high winds associated with typhoons.

Personal property claims can be filed for property damaged in a typhoon, but the claims process requires damage to be substantiated with proof that appropriate action was taken to minimize risk. Once outside personal property is appropriately secured, take a few pictures to support any future claims.

Also, do not throw away any damaged items until authorized to do so by claims personnel.

The following are examples of some of the most common items. This is not an exhaustive list.

- Sheds, trampolines, swing sets, etc: These items must be properly secured. Most storage sheds in use on Okinawa tend to maintain their support directly from the roof. When the roof gets ripped off during high winds, the rest of the shed tears apart because it has lost its main support. Place sand bags on the top and tie rope around the walls of sheds to maintain the structure of the shed and keep it in one piece. Turn over trampolines and place sand bags on the canvas to secure. Swing sets should be tied down.

- Shed Contents: The only items that should be placed in storage sheds are common outdoor items such as bicycles, lawn mowers, weed eaters, gas cans, etc. Certain items such as lawn chairs, lawn ornaments, and small items should be removed from sheds and brought inside.

- Pools: Canvas type pools should be stored inside. Durable plastic type pools should be drained and sand bags should be placed on the inside base.

- Grills: Grills should be taken inside. Propane gas tanks are likely to remain safe from high winds because of their weight and can remain outside.

- Food Spoilage: It is recommended that you have non-perishable foods on hand for a typhoon. Should the power go out and all the food spoils, claims personnel will review any claim regarding what food items claimed were really necessary to have on hand during a typhoon.

The following paperwork will be required for the type of claim indicated:

Claims for personal property require:

- DD Form 1842
- DD Form 1844
- Insurance Verification Form
- EFT Worksheet
- Power-of-Attorney (if applicable)
- estimates of repair and/or replacement cost substantiation and
- pictures to substantiate property was secured.

Claims for food spoilage require:

- DD Form 1842
- DD Form 1844
- Insurance Verification Form
- EFT Worksheet
- Power-of-Attorney (if applicable)
- Receipt for the purchase or repurchase of lost food items and
- itemization of food lost with the cost of each item.

If you have any questions regarding claims, please contact Judy Barney at the MCB Butler Claims Office at 645-7460 or via e-mail at judy.barney@usmc.mil.

Claims must be filed with your respective service. Where you work or reside (housing area) has no bearing on Personal Property Claims.

Air Force Claims: call 634-1662 or visit Bldg. 15, Kadena Air Base.

Navy Claims: call 634-8255 or visit Bldg. 3554, Kadena Air Base.

Army Claims: call 644-4742 or visit Bldg. 218, Torii Station.

The Claims office conducts post-typhoon recovery after a typhoon passes and can provide additional assistance regarding claims procedures.

Kinser Festival offers fun for all ages



The annual Kinser Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 10 p.m. on Camp Kinser. The festival is free and open to all military personnel, their families and local community members. The festival will feature food, games and performances from live bands. For more information, contact Marine Corps Community Services at 645-5828. Photo courtesy of MCCS



Lance Cpl. Samuel SamNiego, metal worker, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, practices welding before making repairs on an air compressor in preparation for Korean Interoperability Training Program 2010.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Abigail M. Wharton

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The bi-lateral training will consist of convoys, motor transport operations, bilateral maintenance of equipment, engineer equipment familiarization, tactical water purification systems, landing support, a rifle and pistol competition and a warrior day including a motivational run and cook out, said Staff Sgt. Arthur Torres, future operations chief, S-3, CLB-4.

The opportunity to train in Korea offers Marines the chance to participate in training that can't always be accomplished on Okinawa due to country-specific requirements, Martin said adding that the training value of this exercise began long before the exercise even began.

About a week prior to the main body of Marines arriving in the Republic of Korea for KITP '10, a quartering party led by Torres and Gunnery Sgt. Aldo Riley, logistics chief, CLB-4, ensured all the life-support and training areas were procured.

"We received tents, cots, lights and generators from the Army Prepositioned Stock to ease logistic strains of transportation from Okinawa," explained Riley about utilizing equipment already on location to minimize costs. "The APS was a good help to start everything, but the Korean people have been so hospitable and made sure our deliveries were made on time."

Shortly after the quartering party began making preparations, an advance party arrived to set up camp, he added.

Approximately 350 ROK Marines and 400 U.S. Marines will participate in the bi-lateral training, Martin said.

Col. Jay L. Hatton, the commanding officer of CLR-3, and of the Logistics Combat Element of III MEF said that during the exercise, every training day will be exploited to the fullest.

"The Marines should train as if their lives depended on it. While a part of III MEF, you never know when the call will come to (deploy)," he said.

REENLIST FROM PG 1

July 1 – 31," Regan said. "Any MOS's during this submission time period could potentially become a FFM and would cause Marines considering their options to lose out on a boat space in their MOS."

In 2008, Headquarters Marine Corps was mandated by congress to increase the Marine Corps and wanted to accomplish this task by 2012. The Corps did so well with its recruiting and retention efforts, that the goal of 202,000 Marines was reached early, resulting in now lower retention numbers compared to past years.

"Marines have been used to seeing their peers make the Marine Corps a career with ease," Regan said. "On average, HQMC will retain only one out of four Marines this fiscal year."

Since boat spaces are filling up so quickly, Marines who have not yet applied for reenlistment may find themselves having to change to a different MOS with available spaces or being forced to get out of the Corps all together.

"With the current economy and Marines networking with family and friends from back home, Marines are coming to realize it is beneficial for them to reenlist for four more years of

service," Regan added. "Those that don't do their homework typically are too late in submitting and then come to realize they don't have a job lined up once they get out."

Some Marines are under the assumption if their MOS fills up they can simply make a lateral move into a different one.

"Marines that desire to reenlist in their MOS do not have the luxury of time compared to Marines who want to lateral move," Regan said.

There are nine MOS's that Marines can request to lateral move into at anytime of the year, but the other 108 are not available until Dec. 1. This allows Marines in those MOS's first chance at being retained and saves the Marine Corps money on training new Marines for that MOS.

"Marines that make the decision to lateral move in December are, in a sense, gambling with the opportunity to stay Marine," Regan said.

Career retention specialists across the Marine Corps are trying to stress the importance of Marines making reenlistment decisions as soon as possible and if they desire, secure their space.

"Bottom line, timely decisiveness is key," Regan stressed. "Go in and talk with your Career Planner before it's too late."



Marines with Company C, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, standby to evacuate a mock-injured casualty and the last of their Marines aboard incoming CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters during a helicopter retrieval scenario at the Northern Training Area Aug. 26.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin

RECON FROM PG 1

During the first three days of training, the 66 Marines practiced platoon-size patrols through thick jungle underbrush, ending the evolution with a raid on a village being guarded by a fellow platoon.

"There were a lot of hills and thick underbrush, but not really any trails or paths to follow so we had to make our own to make it to our objectives," said Cpl. Tucker C. Zrebie, reconnaissance Marine with Company C.

Marines broke down into squads of six to eight man teams in the days that followed, practicing casualty evacuation drills and patrols while advancing 1,500 to 2,000 meters a day to reach their objectives.

"We were generally moving a kilometer a day as a platoon but (the squads) were moving almost double that," said Lamb.

That may not seem like a long distance until the terrain is taken into consideration, he added.

According to Lance Cpl. Joey M. Wallace, reconnaissance Marine with Company C and an assistant radio operator during the exercise, the exercise was definitely a learning experience for him after just finishing up the basic reconnaissance course a few months before in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"It was practice at mastering the basics but at the same time dealing with the terrain, the weather, and the bugs," said Wallace.

Wallace and other radio operators in Company C practiced using low and high frequency radios throughout the exercise, spending much of their time overcoming natural obstacles such as riverbeds, hills and draws in the jungle environment that interfered with radio communications.

"The nature of recon is long range communication and we have some very talented communicators out here," said Lamb.

The Marines' 10 days of

training was brought to a conclusion with a helicopter retrieval scenario.

The scenario tested many aspects of the reconnaissance Marines' skills and endurance. The Marines began with a movement of troops to contact, and then requested for a casualty's evacuation. With initial terminal guidance of two CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters directing simulated close-air support rocket-strafting fire toward enemy positions. Finally the Marines provided cover for the aircraft on the ground so that Marines could safely board and head home.

"The most important thing we took from this training was the ability to stay at the same intensity and focus throughout our time here in the jungle. We can draw from this experience in future deployments and exercises," said Zrebie. "We were lucky that such a small island as Okinawa has such an area where we can freely operate to hone our skills."

Making a way UP

Story and photos by
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2nd Lt. Gregory W. Sheaffer, the platoon commander for Company B, Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, III Marine Expeditionary Force, scales the building using pipes and ledges to attach a safety harness and ladder for follow-on climbers during the last day of a five-day Assault Climbers Refresher course on Range 19, Aug. 20.

Marines assault urb

Marines from Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, III Marine Expeditionary Force, became the first Marines to complete a five-day Assault Climber Refresher course at Range 19 on Camp Hansen Aug. 20.

The Assault Climber Refresher course is designed to give Marines the ability to gain entrance to building complexes. This was the first time an Assault Climber Refresher course has been held on Okinawa, according to Sgt. Rodrigo S. Ugalde, an environmental warfare section instructor from Environmental Warfare Branch, Special Operations Training Group, III MEF.

"We were just brushing up on training we already have had," said 2nd Lt. Gregory W. Sheaffer, the platoon commander for Company B, BLT 1/7.

The purpose of training was for the 17 Marines to re-familiarize themselves with the techniques they learned during a five-week Assault Climber course in the U.S. five months ago before deploying with the MEU as part of the Unit Deployment Program. During the stateside course, Marines were taught how to operate in an urban or jungle environment, according to Sheaffer.

Here, Marines received refreshers on those techniques which include tying knots, rope techniques and mechanized systems involving hooks, pulleys and rope ladders.



an training course

Ugalde and two other SOTG Marines observed Sheaffer and his Marine's efforts throughout the training, offering advice when needed.

"The success of this training was based entirely on the initiative of the MEU Marines," said Ugalde. "We were just here to observe and make sure systems were applied safely and properly, orienting the Marines on how to take care of problems if they seemed to be having issues."

Other aspects of the training included practicing jungle maneuvers and the use of proper rigging systems to overcome obstacles. The final stages of the training were devoted to gaining entrance to the building complex using the techniques taught.

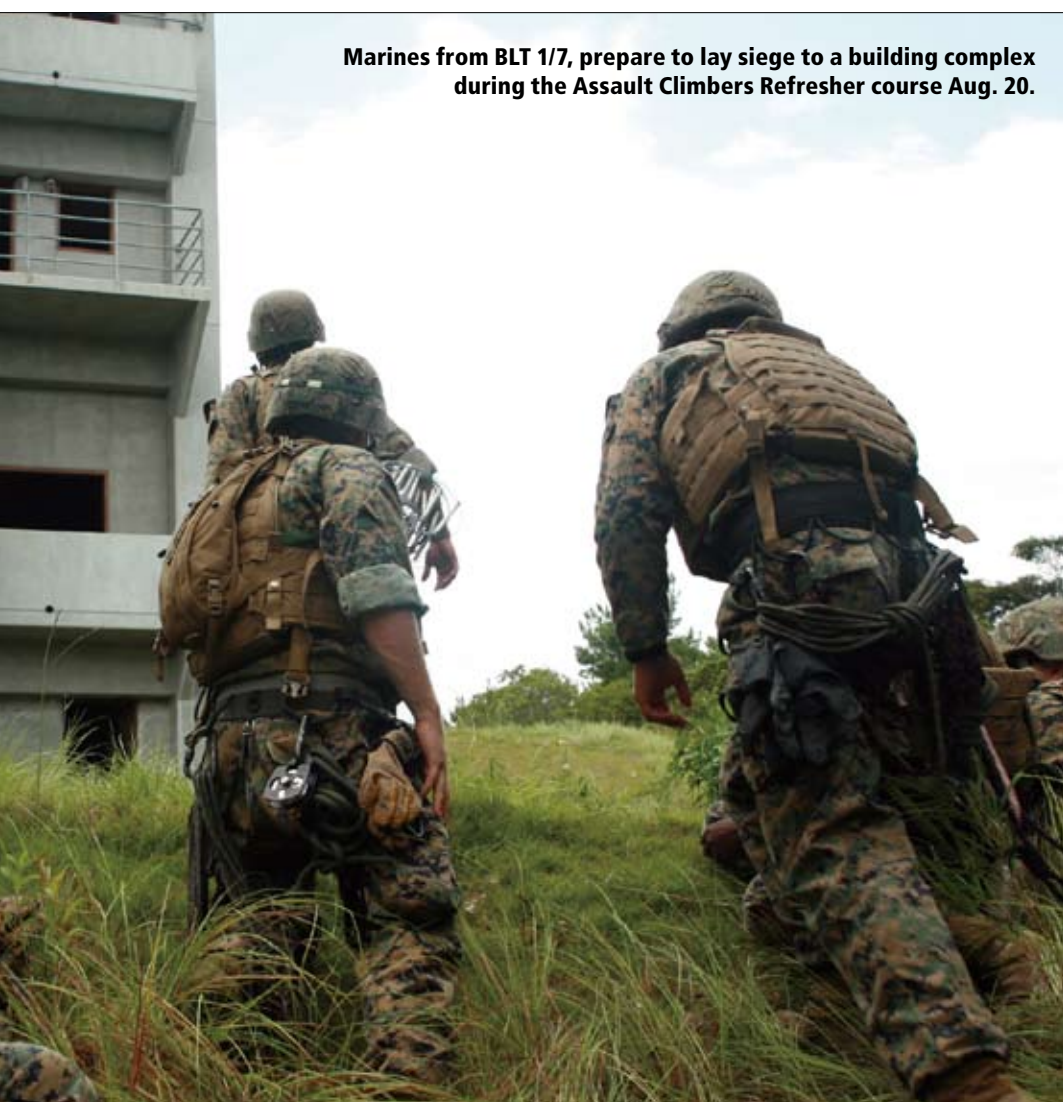
The Marines used grappling hooks, rope ladders, pipes, building ledges and each other's bodies to find ways to get into the upper floor of the building.

Okinawa's dense jungle also offers good terrain climbing and the range here is good for urban climbing. "We don't have anything like it back in the (United States)," said Sheaffer. "All together the training was really good and the Marines worked hard."

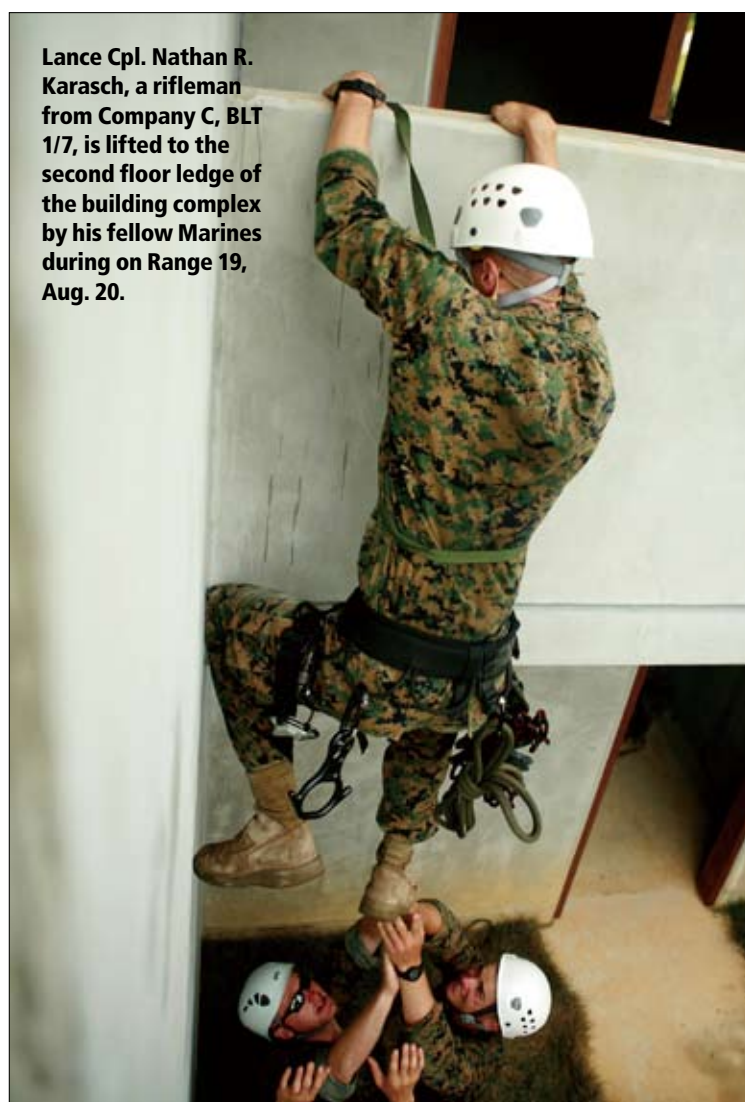
"The Marines here performed very well," said Ugalde. "As long as the MEU is willing to send people we will definitely try to keep doing this kind of training."



Lance Cpl. Oscar E. Deleonpalencia, a rifleman with Company B, BLT 1/7, grabs the third-floor ledge to pull himself up during the last day of a five-day Assault Climbers Refresher course Aug. 20.



Marines from BLT 1/7, prepare to lay siege to a building complex during the Assault Climbers Refresher course Aug. 20.



Lance Cpl. Nathan R. Karasch, a rifleman from Company C, BLT 1/7, is lifted to the second floor ledge of the building complex by his fellow Marines during on Range 19, Aug. 20.

Pilots perfect their craft, become Aircraft Commanders

Cpl. Aaron Hostutler
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

When a teenager is allowed to use his mother's car for the first time she tells him, "Now Timmy, you're responsible for anything that happens to that car." So, Timmy tries to be extra careful. Now imagine instead of his mother, it's his commanding officer and instead of a beat up minivan, it's a multi-million dollar CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter.

"All (Helicopter Aircraft Commanders) are pilots, but not all pilots are HACs," said Capt. Hung Nguyen, a CH-46 Sea Knight pilot with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, currently in the aircraft commander course.

"It's a leadership position. The CO will delegate and trust a pilot to put his name on the sheet that says he's responsible for that aircraft."

Just as a fire team leader is in charge of his team and equipment, a helicopter aircraft commander is responsible for his entire crew, the cargo and the helicopter itself. With all that at stake, it's not a position to be taken lightly, according to Lt. Col. Damien Marsh, the commanding officer of HMM-265.

"An aircraft commander needs to be able to do just that; take command of the aircraft," said Marsh. "All the leadership principles apply. He has to be a good (leader) and take charge."

Before considered for this position, a pilot must have a 500 flight hours and have demonstrated good judgment, leadership, maturity, knowledge and skill, said Capt. Robin Brewer, a pilot with HMM-265 who has been an aircraft commander for nearly a year.

After the pilot is nominated, they must pass a review board which consists of a nearly two-hour long verbal examination consisting of questions from seniors about anything related to helicopters: including safety, tactics, standard operating procedures, maintenance and scenario-based problem solving.

"A lot of it is knowledge," Nguyen said. "I may already know what I'm supposed to, but I need to sharpen it because I'll be responsible for the crew, the equipment, everything."

After a pilot passes the board, they must go through two day-and two night-flights. They will be judged on their ability to not only operate the aircraft proficiently, but also think on their feet.

"An aircraft commander needs to be able to stay ahead of the aircraft," said Maj. Jeremy Orr, the squadron's executive officer. "A flickering light or gauge could pull their attention. A good pilot doesn't let that small thing distract him from the overall flight. He can look minutes ahead into the flight or even see the whole flight play out."

With so much at stake, focus is imperative, according to Orr.

"You have to throw curve balls at them. Things that could go wrong," Orr said of the review board. "You need to be sure they won't lose focus on the big picture which is getting that (helicopter) and the crew safely to the destination."

Getting through all the requirements on the instructor's syllabus is no easy task. Luckily for the pilots of HMM-265, it has

become tradition for the seasoned pilots to pass their knowledge on to those who come after them.

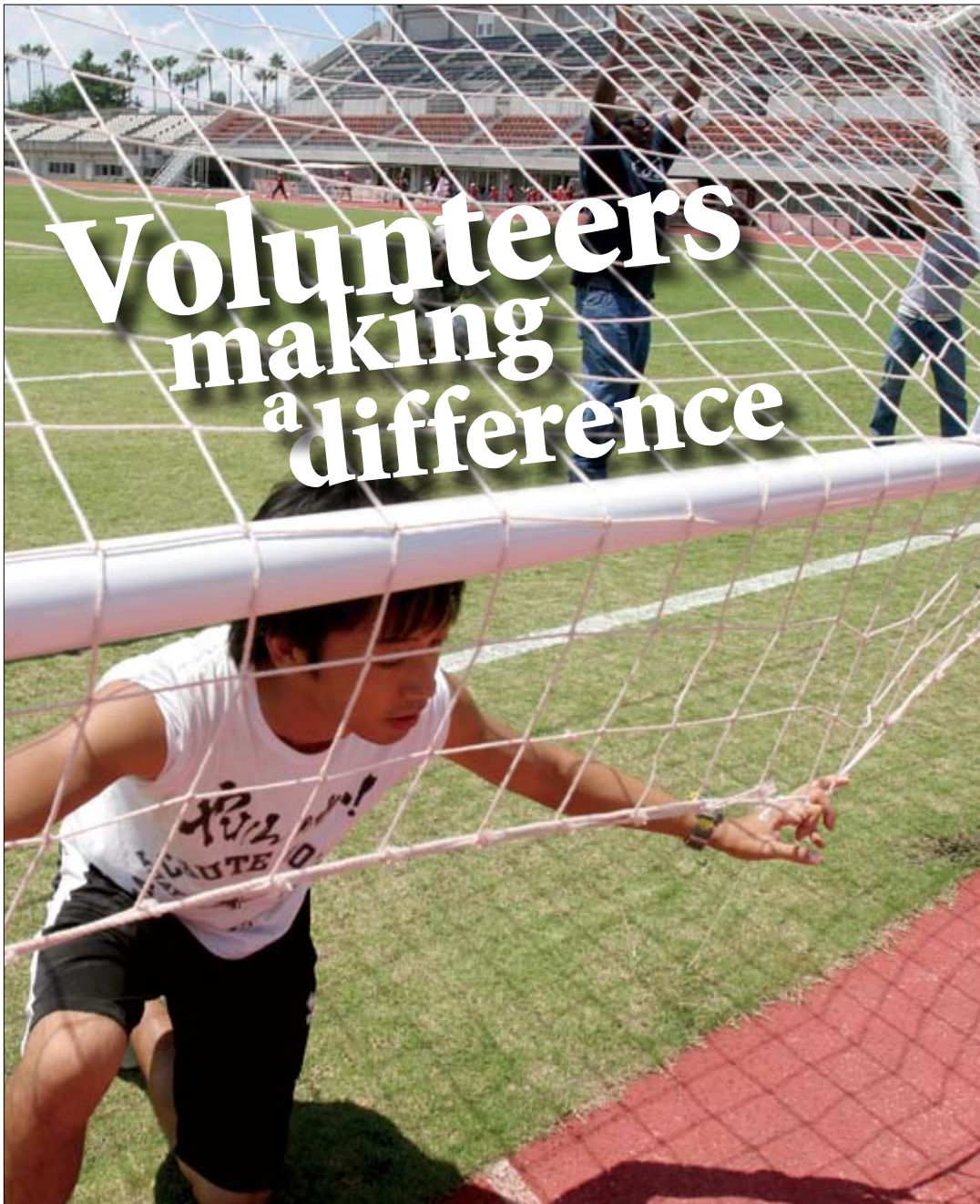
"We take care of our own," said Capt. Sean Hulsey, a pilot with the squadron. "When I went through the process, I had mentors who told me what to study, the kind of flights I should practice, so that when I was doing the review flights I wasn't surprised because it was things I had already practiced. So then, I turned around and gave that knowledge to the next pilots. That's just taking care of your guys to ensure they're ready for what's ahead."

Having a knowledgeable aircraft commander is especially important in a squadron that specializes in assault support.

"A casualty evacuation is one of the most noble of all assault support missions," Marsh said. "It is Marines saving the lives of other Marines."

It's times when Marines lives are on the line that it's important that the aircraft commander can "stay ahead of the flight" and get everyone home safe.

Given keys
to a
multi-million
dollar ride



Kurachi Yoshio, a Football Club Ryukyu employee, is assisted by U.S. Naval Hospital Camp Lester personnel in lowering a soccer net in preparation for the FC Ryukyu game Aug. 13. Photo by Lance Cpl. Justin R. Wheeler

Volunteers making a difference

Lester sailors help local team

Lance Cpl. Justin R. Wheeler

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Sailors from the U.S. Naval Hospital Camp Lester recently volunteered to help the semi-professional soccer team, Football Club Ryukyu, at the Okinawa General Athletic Stadium, in order to foster a better relationship with the local community.

During their off-duty hours, the volunteers met up with the FC Ryukyu personnel and helped move materials, to prepare the soccer field for the match between FC Ryukyu and FC Honda.

"This puts the Naval Hospital in the spotlight," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Chris White, transportation director for the hospital. "It helps develop better community relations."

The relationship with FC Ryukyu began when a number of the team's supporters were unable to help, said David Caupos, coordinator for international relations and the general manager's assistant.

"I often see American families come to see the games and I wanted to find ways to connect them to Okinawa," said Caupos. "I know that volunteering is a part of many American's lives so I asked for help, a few months later, volunteers started coming."

Seaman Rashaud Peete volunteered to help with an FC Ryukyu game last year and decided to do it again.

"I enjoy getting to interact with people I don't normally see," said Peete.

Peete said he especially enjoys fostering a relationship with his off-base community. After helping the local citizens, Peete felt even more comfortable with the English/Japanese language barrier.

The efforts of the volunteers were much appreciated, said their Japanese volunteer counterparts.

"The sailors are a great help for us," said Kurachi Yoshio, a business planner with FC Ryukyu. "Without their help, it is very hard work for us."

"Preparations used to take three to four people about one and a half hours," said Koji Hirano, sales manager for FC Ryukyu. "But it was done very quickly with the service members' help."

After their efforts, the nine volunteers enjoyed the game between FC Ryukyu and FC Honda. White enjoyed the opportunity to do something different for a day.

"It's a change of pace and scenery from the typical routine at the hospital," said White. "I encourage more people to take on these opportunities in the future."

POA

Friends can be empowered to handle affairs

Lance Cpl. Justin R. Wheeler

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Marines travel on short notice and sometimes leave an array of obligations behind such as car or house payments. While away from home, some Marines are not guaranteed an opportunity to handle those obligations in person. However, military legal offices can grant the power to lift some of that weight for all Status of Forces Agreement personnel.

The power of attorney is a document that designates someone to represent the applicant in personal, financial or legal matters.

When drafting a POA, the applicant is granted the option of two types of POA; special and general. The general POA allows the authorized representative to handle all matters on behalf of the grantor. Essentially, this allows the representative to exist as the grantor's identity, said Sgt. Renee Govea, legal assistance noncommissioned officer in charge, Legal Services Support Section, Combat Logistics Regiment 37, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

"With a general power of attorney, you basically step into (the grantor's) shoes and take their place," said Govea. "It is full power."

The special power of attorney limits the representative to one or more authorizations, such as managing a bank account or paying a car payment, he said.

"When they do appoint someone with these instruments, they need to be trusted," said Govea.

Govea recommends that an expiration date of no more than one year is designated and to ensure the business or service dictated will accept the POA.

"You never know what will happen in that year," said Lance Cpl. Steve Busam, legal assistance clerk, Legal Services Support Section, CLR-37. "If you get a divorce, they have the ability to put you in a bind."

When completing the forms, common mistakes made by applicants are printing the wrong date, scratching out mistakes and not physically presenting themselves at the legal office for notarization.

"You can't get a power of attorney for a power of attorney," said Busam. "You must be present or you can't get it notarized. It also has to be readable and without misspellings."

The notary, the person who notarizes the document, at the legal services support sections on each base provides free services to patrons. The power of attorney process is fast, free and instrumental in a Marine's planning while away from home.

For more information call the CLR-37 legal and support services section at 645-1037.

Elite Marine team foils mock robbery

When a job comes down the wire and requires a little bit more than standard Provost Marshal's Office Marine training, the Corps calls on the most elite Marines in the military police and corrections field, the

SPECIAL REACTION TEAM

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. J Nava
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Special Reaction Team Marines are trained as a task force able to handle any situation that might occur on base. Marine Corps Base Camp Butler SRT upheld their reputation as a "jack of all trades" when they responded to a mock bank robbery at the Navy Federal Credit Union on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma as part of a training exercise, Aug. 20.

"Our purpose is to train, rehearse and provide a tactical response to any scenario that normal military police personnel wouldn't handle," said Cpl. Andrew Cowan, SRT assistant team leader, Provost Marshal's Office, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler.

In the scenario, a mock armed suspect took over the bank and took its employees and patrons as hostages at 4:30 P.M. the day before ... 15 hours later in the early morning the bank robber was demanding transportation from the bank. He was becoming desperate and was threatening to kill hostages — that is when the SRT Marines sprang into action.

"By training in different missions all the time we keep our skills sharp," said Lance Cpl. Johnathan Garrett, SRT member. "That's why we did the (mock) bank robbery scenario today, because we won't always have the same missions."

With speed and aggressiveness the SRT Marines crashed through the back door, catching the bank robber by surprise. In a matter of seconds they cleared every room and neutralized the suspect and rescued the hostages.

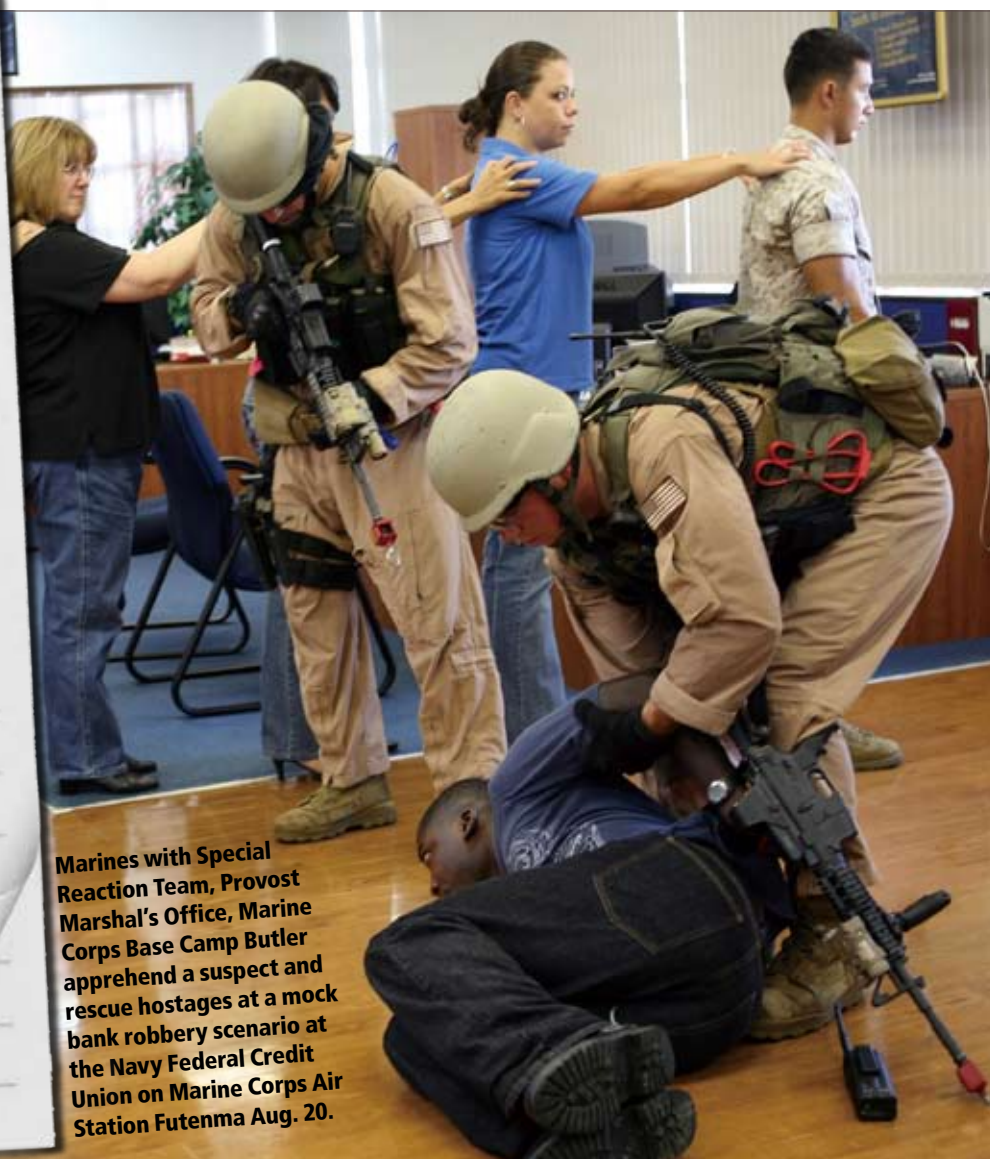
"We have to train for every possible scenario because we never know what's going to be thrown our way," Cowan said. "Anything that (the Marine Corps) needs us to do we have to be able to respond to."

Apart from honing skills and perfecting their technique, the SRT Marines also made sure the bank employees understood SRT procedures and knew what to do if a real-life situation should ever arise.

"The guys looked great, they went through the building no problem," Cowan said. "I believe the training was very successful."



Marines with Special Reaction Team, Provost Marshal's Office, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler prepare for a raid on a mock bank robbery at the Navy Federal Credit Union on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Aug. 20.



Marines with Special Reaction Team, Provost Marshal's Office, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler apprehend a suspect and rescue hostages at a mock bank robbery scenario at the Navy Federal Credit Union on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Aug. 20.

In Theaters Now

SEPT. 3 - SEPT. 9
FOSTER

TODAY Nanny McPhee Returns (PG), 6 p.m.; The Other Guys (PG13), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY The Last Airbender (PG), noon; Jonah Hex (PG13), 3 p.m.; The Other Guys (PG13), 6 p.m.; The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG13), 9 p.m.
SUNDAY The Last Airbender (PG), 1 p.m.; The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG13), 4 p.m.; Takers (PG13), 7:30 p.m.
MONDAY The Last Airbender (PG), 1 p.m.; The Karate Kid (PG), 4 p.m.; The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG13), 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY Jonah Hex (PG13), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Takers (PG13), 7 p.m.

SCHWAB

TODAY The Expendables (R), 7 p.m.
SATURDAY Knight & Day (PG13), 5 p.m.
SUNDAY Grown Ups (PG13), 5 p.m.
MONDAY-THURSDAY Closed

HANSEN

TODAY The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG13), 6 p.m.; Get Him to the Greek (R), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY The Expendables (R), 6 and 9 p.m.
SUNDAY The Last Airbender (PG), 2 p.m.; The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG13), 5:30 p.m.
MONDAY Takers (PG13), 4 and 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Takers (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
WEDNESDAY The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Nanny McPhee Returns (PG), 7 p.m.

KINSER

TODAY The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY The Last Airbender (PG), 3 and 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG13), 3 and 6:30 p.m.
MONDAY Salt (PG13), 3 p.m.
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY Takers (PG13), 3 and 6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY The Last Airbender (PG), 6:30 p.m.

COURTNEY

TODAY Takers (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Toy Story 3 (G), 2 p.m.; Grown Ups (PG13), 6 p.m.
SUNDAY The Expendables (R), 6 p.m.
MONDAY Knight & Day (PG13), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY Nanny McPhee Returns (PG), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Closed

KADENA

TODAY The Last Airbender (PG), 6 p.m.; The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG13), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY The Last Airbender (PG), noon; Nanny McPhee Returns (PG), 3 and 6 p.m.; The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG13), 9 p.m.
SUNDAY The Last Airbender (PG), 1 p.m.; Nanny McPhee Returns (PG), 4 and 7 p.m.
MONDAY The Last Airbender (PG), 3 p.m.; Nanny McPhee Returns (PG), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY The Expendables (R), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY The Expendables (R), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY The Expendables (R), 7 p.m.

FUTENMA

TODAY Grown Ups (PG13), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Takers (PG13), 4 and 7 p.m.
SUNDAY Knight & Day (PG13), 4 p.m.; Grown Ups (PG13), 7 p.m.
MONDAY The Expendables (R), 6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY Closed
THURSDAY Closed

THEATER DIRECTORY

CAMP FOSTER 645-3465
KADENA AIR BASE 634-1869
 (USO NIGHT) 632-8781
MCAS FUTENMA 636-3890
 (USO NIGHT) 636-2113
CAMP COURTNEY 622-9616
CAMP HANSEN 623-4564
 (USO NIGHT) 623-5011
CAMP KINSER 637-2177
CAMP SCHWAB 625-2333
 (USO NIGHT) 625-3834

Movie schedule is subject to change without notice. Call in advance to confirm show times. For a complete listing, visit www.aafes.com.



For more activities and information, contact the Single Marine Program at 645-3681

All bus pick-up points will be at Semper Fit gyms or the Foster Fieldhouse.

OKUMA CAMPING TRIP: SEPT. 10-12

• Okuma Beach is well-kept with fantastic views and offers many water sports including snorkeling, jet skiing, kayaking, parasailing, paddle boats and more. Sign-up deadline is Sept. 7. Lodging must be coordinated by individual participant by calling 631-1850 or 090-3795-8688. The bus will leave Camp Foster at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 10 and will return at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 12.

EXPO/PINEAPPLE PARK TRIP: SEPT. 11

• EXPO Park has many activities for sea-lovers to enjoy. One of Expo Park's greatest features is the Churaumi Aquarium, the largest in Japan. Pineapple Park has many varieties of pineapples which are used in the production of soap and many other products such as cakes and candies. All can be sampled and purchased during the tour. Sign up by Sept. 8. Bus will leave Camp Courtney at 10 a.m.

SHURI CASTLE AND KOKUSAI STREET TRIP: SEPT. 12

• Learn more about Okinawa history by visiting Shuri Castle, the palace of the Ryukyu Kingdom. Also explore the sights of Kokusai Street. Bus will leave Camp Foster at 11 a.m., MCAS Futenma at 11:15 a.m. and Camp Kinser at 11:45 a.m. Sign up deadline is Sept. 10.

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CHAPEL SCHEDULE

CAMP FOSTER | 645-7486

- Catholic: Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m.; Sat., 5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.
- Christian Science: Sun., 11 a.m., Bldg. 442
- Eastern Orthodox: Sun., 9:30 a.m., Vespers, Sat., 5 p.m.
- Gospel: Sun., 11:30 a.m.
- Hindu: Sat., 3:30 p.m.
- Jewish: Informal: 1st, 3rd Fri., 6:30 p.m.
- Muslim: Fri., Prayer, 12:45 p.m.
- Protestant: Sun., 8:30 a.m.
- Lutheran: Sun., 5 p.m.

CAMP SCHWAB | 622-9350

- Catholic: Sun., 5:30 p.m.
- Protestant: Sun., 4 p.m.

CAMP COURTNEY | 622-9350

- Catholic: Sun., 8 a.m.;
- Protestant: Sun., Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Service, 10:45 a.m.

CAMP HANSEN | 622-9350

- Catholic: Sun., 10 a.m., E. Chapel
- Protestant: Sun., 11 a.m., W. Chapel

CAMP MCTUREOUS | 622-9350

- Gospel: Sun., 12:30 p.m.

KADENA AIR BASE | 634-1288

- Catholic: Sun., 8:30 a.m., Mass, Chapel 3; Sun., 11:30 a.m., Reconciliation, Chapel 3; Sun., 12:30 p.m., Mass, Chapel 3; Sun., 5 p.m., Mass, Chapel 2; Daily Mass, Mon.-Fri., noon, Chapel 2
- Contemporary: Sun., 10:30 a.m., Kadena High School
- Gospel: Sunday School, 9 a.m., Bldg. 856; Service 10:30 a.m., Chapel 3
- Inspirational: Sun., 8:30 a.m., Chapel 2;
- Protestant: Sun., 10 a.m., Chapel 2;
- Traditional: Sun., 10:30 a.m., Chapel 2;
- Wiccan/Pagan: Sat., 2 p.m., Bldg. 856

CAMP LESTER | 643-7248

- Catholic: Sun., 8 a.m., Lester Chapel Mon., 10 a.m., Thurs., 9 a.m., Liturgy of Word at Hospital Chapel
- Non-Denominational: Sun., 9 a.m., Hospital Chapel; Sun., 10 a.m., Lester Chapel

MCAS FUTENMA | 636-3058

- Catholic: Sun., noon
- Contemporary: Fri., 7 p.m.; Sun., 9 a.m.

CAMP KINSER | 637-1148

- Catholic: Sun., noon
- Protestant: Sun., 9 a.m.

Japanese phrase of the week:

"Chotto mattete kudasai,"

• It means, "please stay (a little while)" such as when you need a taxi to wait while you run into a shop and will return for continued fare.


Aug. 23 - 27
Rifle Range

Staff Sgt. Zachary Burgart,
3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 337

Pistol Range

Master Sgt. Andre Bryant,
7th Communication Battalion, 380



Forward Aniekan Usen, winds up to kick the ball past an opponent during the 2010 Camp Foster Southern "Shoot-Out" Soccer Tournament Aug. 29. Usen plays for Taco Rice Mafia, a local soccer team trying to redeem themselves after a recent loss in an earlier tournament.

Underdog unable to seal tournament victory

Story and photos by Pfc. Garry J. Welch
OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

After being defeated by the Mil United in a recent soccer tournament aboard Camp Hansen, Camp Foster's Taco Rice Mafia found themselves with an opportunity to redeem themselves against their adversary during the 2010 Camp Foster Southern "Shoot-Out" Soccer Tournament on Camp Foster Sunday.

"We wanted revenge during this game," said Mike Garcia, Taco Rice Mafia coach and hospital corpsman with 3rd Dental Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "We wanted to go hard in this tournament against our rival team, Mil United, who beat us in the Hansen tournament. We went in and played a good hard game and came out on top; it was a great team effort."

During the tournament, Taco Rice Mafia served as the underdog after quickly being reduced to the losers bracket and having to fight their way back to the finals. The loser's bracket required the team to win twice against their foes in order to take home the iron, according to Garcia.

"We won the first game 1 - 0," Garcia added. "Ian Jones crossed the ball from the right to the left side to Greg Arnell, who

perfectly (kicked the ball while it was still airborne) for the game winning goal."

As the second game kicked off, the Taco Rice Mafia appeared to have a chance but began to tire.

"During the second game, for the first half it was tied 0 - 0, both teams were playing incredible defense," said Garcia. "During the second half our team was just too worn out, and the other team was able to score four goals against us."

Garcia went on to say that even though the teams were tired

and there were some injuries, they never gave up. They gave it their all and played a good hard game.

Soccer in general is a team sport, said Peter S. Turner, Taco Rice Mafia member and supply chief with Marine Air Support Squadron 2, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MEF.

"In soccer it's always the best team that wins, not the team with the best individuals," Turner said.

As the tournament unfolded, the best team turned out to be Mil United with a 4-0 victory during game two of the final bracket.

"After we lost we were a little disappointed," said Garcia. "We played our hearts out, but we lost to a great team.

We are going to continue to train for the upcoming regional tournaments in September, and continue looking for other players who would like to join our team."



Taco Rice Mafia forward Greg Arnell, gets sandwiched between two opponents while going for the ball during the 2010 Camp Foster Southern "Shoot-Out" Soccer Tournament Aug. 29. The team lost the tournament but plans to continue training for another opportunity at redemption.